

ALEXANDRIA: TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1, 1861.

Congress .- The Senate, on yesterday, lis-

tened to an able speech by Mr. Benjamin .-The House of Representatives considered various resolutions in relation to secession.

THE NEW YEAR dawns on us to-day .-The charities and amenities of life-the ties of fellowship-the love of friends-the associations of citizenship-the good will that we owe to our neighbors-need not be forgotten, and ought even to be more than ever cherished; u the midst of the gloom which surrounds our national prospects. We offer, then, with saddened hearts, but with old fashioned cordiality, and sincerity, the compliments of the season to our readers; wishing them health, and all the happiness and prosperity that can come to their share in times so calamitous. We know not what is before us-but we trust a Merciful Providence will yet bring good out of evil!

THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE commences today its sixty-second year. Age has not diminished its desire and its ability for usefulness-nor abated the exercise of all its faculties for what is believed to be the best interests and the truest happiness of the country and the people. For the measure of fa- Fort Sumter. In the Secretary's opinion. vor and success it meets with, we are more | this was incumbent upon the Administration than grateful-And gratitude is none the from the following circumstances:-With the less felt, because we are conscious of having faithfully labored, to secure the approbation of the public, and to honestly merit whatever support we receive. Our columns will show that in all which goes to make up a newspaper, likely to be acceptable to the merchant, the farmer, the mechanic, the professional man and the family, we are not behind any other journal-and there is no toil foregone and no expense spared, to make the Gazette the medium of communicating the earliest news of all that transpires at of the Government to maintain relations home and abroad of a public nature-and of of peace with the Northern States. Mr. giving such a miscellany as will, we trust, instruct and improve and gratify its readers. restraining, to the extent of his power, any observance of the 4th of January as a day venue Cutter Harriet Lane has been dispatch We hope this will be remembered in these act which will lead to bloodshed, and to ex- of fasting and prayer, in accordance with ed to Charleston with instructions of a warhard times, when every dollar we earn is of ert himself, if a dissolution of the Union be- the recommendation of the President. Rev. like character. importance to us, to enable us to continue and increase our present plans, for future useful-

by the Charleston Courier of the recent proceedings relating to the Fortifications at Charleston harbor, to show how the conduct of Maj. Anderson is regarded by the dominant party in South Carolina. Elsewhere, Maj. A.'s course receives much more favor. We obfired in his honor. The indignation of the Charleston papers at the coup de main appears to rest principally on the allegation that it was a breach of faith. Secretary Floyd, in his resignation, also refers to the - of such a "solemn agreement" as

> - wiring the Administration to aderson back to Fort Moultrie. of the President, so lar, is not i. Anderson.

A. G. Jenkins, of Va., in a letter ished in the National Intelligencer, expresses his entire disbelief in the report that any feeling of disaffection and disloyalty to the State prevails in the trans-Alleghany section-and especially contradicts the provalence of any such feeling in the county of Ritchie. He says that all there are bound to the Old Dominion, and will follow its flag wherever it may waive. This is no time for Virginians to talk about dividing the State. There is division and separation enough already. Let Virginia, at least, "be one and undivided."

There are rumors and reports of Pennsylvania, and other Northern States, intending to vote men and money for the aid of the General Government, in the present crisis. Under present circumstances, if any body Oregon, Messrs, Gwin and Latham, of Caliwishes the Union restored, or attempts at conciliation and harmony continued, all idea of Northern coercion must be abandoned. It is madness now to attempt a sectional hos- short of a quorum, and you may be assured that case, be ten times wirse.

Charles H. Robinson, alie, Gordon, who was desperately wounded in Yew Orleans lately, while attempting a burging, effected his escape early on Saturday morting from the Charisy Hospital, whither he ad been urday, and after considerable discussion conveyed for medical treatment on the night of his capture. Robinson was then the of his capture. Robinson was then the the to be mortally wounded, but subsequent velopments induced the belief that he simply played an extensive "possum." Wm. Conklin, an officer of the Hospital, whose duty it was to watch the prisoner day and night, on the charge of having aided and abetted

the said escape. The Alamo (Texas) Express publishes an eloquent appeal to the South, in behalf of the North, by Charles Anderson, esq., formerly of Cincinnati. This appeal is more noticeable from the fact that Mr. Anderson is a younger brother of Major Anderson, now in command of Fort Sumpter, and was for several years a special favorite of the lamented statesman, Henry Clay.

graphs from Washington "that the propriety toms promptly volunteered to ro of removing Mr. Buchanan, in case he re- his command as an officer of South under cails Major Anderson, and creating General under that ordinance. We infer frarolina Scott provisional president until the 4th of statement that the Government has Ic this Margh next, is freely discussed." Thus we of its revenue cutters, as well as her offene they will not be there attacked by South

Previous to the resignation of Secretary Cass, Gen. Wool wrote him a most earnest orging on him the importance, of reinforcing the garrison in Fort Moultrie.

manufactory was one of the buildings burned. tary.

The House Committee of Thirty-three, on Saturday, rejected Mr. Neison's proposition, "To show the very age and body of the TIMES." which was substantially that proposed in the Senate, by Mr. Crittendon, all the Republicans, with Mr. Davis, of Maryland, voting against it. On the announcement of this result, Messre. Taylor, of Louisiana, Winslow, of North Carolina, and Houston, of Alabama, withdrew from the Committee. Mr. Adams, of Massachusetts, Republican, then submitted a proposition that it was expedient that all of New Mexico should be admitted as soon as may be, as a State, on an equal footing with the original States, (of course with siavery, if she so desires,) and that the Committee cause to be prepared an enabling act for that purpose. The proposition passed, aves 13, nays 10, one third of the Committee being either absent or not voting. Messrs. Bristow, of Kentucky, and Davis, of Marvland, were the only Southern members voting for the proposition. The Territory of New Mexico which it is thus roposed to admit as a State, and so to settle the territorial question, is bounded North by Utah and the Kansas Territories, South by Texas and Mexico, East by Kunsas and the Indian Territories, and West by California. s admission of this Territory as a stave State would be a practical re-enactment of the Missouri Compremise, without, however, including its extension to the Pacific as proposed by Senator Crittenden. This proposition, in connection with the proposal to amend the Constitution, so as to prohibit Congressional interference with slavery in the States where it exists, will no doubt be submitted to Congress, as the Republican plan of conciliation. Senator Crittenden, it s announced, will propose his resolutionsproviding, by an amendment of the Constitution, for the extension of the Missouri Compromise line to the Pacific-as a direct proposition to be submitted to the vote of the peo-A similar proposition will be made in the House, with a bill providing for the vote of the people being taken. It will thus be se en that two practical modes of settlement will be before Congress.

The ground assigned in Secretary Floyd's letter of resignation was the refusal or delay of the President to consent to an order withdrawing the United States troops from mutual desire to avoid civil war and bloodshed, it had been agreed by the Administration that there should be no change in the condition of things in Charleston harbor, and by South Carolina, that she would make no attack upon the troops or property of the United States. The movement of Major Anderson was a violation of this solemn agreement, which could not be repaired except by withdrawing the troops, which measure was thus demanded by the honor of the Government. While both branches of Congress are engaged in endeavors to settle the sectional controversy, it was deemed the duty Floyd will, it is said by his friends, soon return to Virginia to follow out his policy of Island have issued proclamations for the retary of War, and under his advice the Recomes inevitable, to its reconstruction.

Some of the Senators and Representatives from the frontier States have been in consul-We published yesterday the account given | tation and approve of the proposition of Mr. Woodson, of Misseuri, having for its foundation that a separation being inevitable, a reconstruction of the Union upon the Southern basis is the only solution of the pending political questions. It is recommended that the slaveholding States should withdraw, taking the present Constitution, with additionserve that in Wilmington, Del., a salute was | al clauses explanatory of the true intent and meaning, as expounded by the decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case, upon which it is supposed New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and New Jersey would unite, The argument is the remaining States would necessarily be formed into two distinct Confederacies. Those New England forming one, and the Paeific States the other, all co-operating under present Constitution of the United States with such modifications as would adapt it to their respective peculiar, social systems and public sentiments, thus forming a league or Confederacy uniting the different sections in all the essential powers and purposes of national defence and internal com-

A letter from Washington in the New York Herald says. "The obstructions to Mr. Lincoln's advent into Washington may he avoided by his taking the oath of office in New York or Philadelphia or even in Springfield: but here a doubt has arisen in the minds of some astate gentleman. Suppose the electoral votes are never counted according to constitutional requirement--that is in joint convention of both houses. This is no chimera, for it is expected that fifteen Southern States will be out of the confederacy by the 1st Febuary. The votes are to be counted on the first Monday in that month Fifteen States out, thirty Senatorial votes are gone, and if the Northern democratic Senators go with them, such as General Lane, of position to this movement. fornia, Douglas, of Illinois, Bright and Fitch, of Indiana, Pugh, of Ohio, Rice, of Minnesota, and Thomson, of New Jersey, there will be but twenty-seven Senators left, or seven tile array. The evil, bad enough, would in the Vice President will never give his consent to have the votes counted if a quorum of the Senate be not present.

A caucus of twelve out of the twenty-two members of the Maryland State Senate was in session in Baltimore, on Friday and Satadopted an address to the Governor urging the necessity of convening the Legislature. The address, is signed by sixteen Senators, four who were not at the caucus having riven it their approval. Measures are in stemplation, for calling together in Baltiwas arrested soon after Robinson's escape, Convation, composed of prominent gentlemen o-all political parties, in order to obthis body an expression of the sentiment the people of the State on the vexed quest a of an extra session of the Le-

The Charleste Courier of Friday very coolly states that Saptain N. L. Coste, late The editor of a republican journal tele-raphs from Washington "that the propriety" discharged his crew. The more concern on being notified of the position of Cirew, on being notified of the position of Cirew, on being der the late ordinance concern on the concern of the conc and crew

In New York a number of our Italian, German and French citizens, formerly known letter, explaining to him the necessity, and as the Garibaldi Republican Wide Awake Club, are organizing as a secret society, similar to the order of Free Masons, or that aid seciety, and is to be represented by two residing a physician, named Brietlauch, port Conn., on the 29th alt. A hoop skirt sets of officers—one civil, and the other mili- wife on Fridinkerville, Pa., murdered his

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The New Orleans Delta of Wednesday re lates an extraordinary "affair of honor" which took place near that city early on Christmas morning. The combatants were an Irishman and a German, who, entertaining a mutual animosity of long standing agreed to settle it by a combat with brass knuckles. The affair was conducted with every formality sanctioned by the code. The two champions fought desperately-the brass knuckles fell with terrible rapidity and with shocking effect upon the faces and the skulls of each, until fifteen or eighteen rounds had been fought, when a battered and mutilated

Milesian was borne senseless from the field, and with little expectations of his recovery. The Galvesten News contains many particulars of the recent savage foray upon the northwestern frontier of Texas. A letter of the 29th ult., from Jacksboro', savs:-"Parson Medaris, with many others, have just arrived on the square from the scene of troude. The road is lined with women and children coming in. The frontier is broken up. Parson Medaris tells me that twentytwo persons have been found in Jack county, killed and scalped by the Indians; six in Palo Pinto and one in Parker. Seborn Ikard's not been heard from.'

About two years ago a most brutal murder was committed in the vicinity of Mohrsville, Berks county, Pa. The victim was a young, handsome woman, of about eighteen years; and although the authorities of Berks county instituted the most searching serutiny into the affair, they failed to fix the crime upon any one. A few days ago, however, a young man died in Pottsville, and is said to have confessed on his dying hed that he was an accomplice, and that a man who was arrested at the time of the murder, but subsequently discharged, was the principal in the bloody tragedy.

The United States brig-of-war Dolphin arrived at Norfolk on Sunday from the coast of Brazil. The Dolphin is the last vessel of the Paraguay Expedition to go out of commission. She left Norfolk in the winter of 1858, and in a week after joined Commodore Shubrick's fleet in La Plata, where she has spent the greater part of her cruise. She is the smallest vessel in the regular navy, being only 224 tens burden, and carrying four guns. There are about one hundred men on

The steamer Kamack from Nassau reports that the ship America, Capt. Brown, was wrecked on Key Lobos on the 8th inst., with five bundred slaves. The schooner Lilly anded the slaves on the Key. Capt Brown finally possessed himself of the Lilly, comelling her captain to carry himself and three the crew to Nuevitas, where a Spanish Cuba. A light-house schooner with troops

The Governors of New York and Rhode John W. Yeomans, moderator of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, has issued an address recommending the observance of the day in all the churches of that denomination in the United

The report of the Kansas Relief Committee for the week ending December 26th, states that 209,184 pounds of wheat, flour, orn, beans, &c., have been received from various States; also several boxes of clothing. The total amount distributed during that time is 157,700 pounds, which has been sent to twenty-one different counties in | female slaves. the Territory. The benefits of the shipments have begun to be very sensibly realized among our suffering people.

The Navy Department has received despatches from flag officer Sands, commauding the Brazilian squadron, dated Rio, November 10. The Seminole bad arrived there after a passage of ninety-odd days, owing to the circuitous course pursued. The books of the officers and crew of the Seminole was good, as also that of all the squadron. Commander Thomas had assumed the command of the Seminole in place of Prentiss, recall-

Twenty-seven years ago, Mr. James Burton was appointed by President Jackson postmaster at Grantsville, Md., which position he has held ever since. The Frostburg Gazette says:-"He has never been out of his office a whole day at a time-he has never been two miles away from his office-he has never made a serious error connected with his duties—he has never been sued, nor did he ever sue any one-he never owed any man a dollar-he never uses tobacco or liquor."

The Pittsburg Journal of Saturday says some half dozen of the large guns destined for the South were moved from the United States Arsenal to the Monongahela wharf, and part of them taken on board the Silver Wave, on Friday. No demonstration was made on the part of any of the people in op

According to the Home Journal the New York Seventh Regiment has decided not to accept the invitation to visit England, preferring, in these troublous times, to remain at home, and holding themselves prepared at any moment for active duty in aiding the civil authorities in sustaining the laws of the city.

The citizens of Beaufort, S. C., acting under the direction of Col. John Barnwell, have erected a redoubt upon the outskirts of their town, intended to protect them from attack by any foreign power. The work is well executed, and at this time nearly com-

Among the hundreds of intricate questions which will have to be decided by the Legislative authority of a seceding State, not the least important will be the determination , at an early day, an informal State of the status of the naturalized inhabitants of such State.

The steamers Kangaroo and North American passed Cape Race with later news from Europe-the former on Thursday and the latter on Friday. On account of a severe storm, however, the news brought by them was not obtained.

of the United States venue service in command of the cutter Wil. Maken, has given official notification of his Tignation, and has discharged his crew. Tignation, and has a critical of the residue of th The Free Negro law passed by the last

> his forces will remain at Fort Sumter. They may be remanded to Fort Moultrie, provided satisfactory assurances can be given that

At Louisville, Dec. 28, a large convention mechanics and workingmen met, and a sed strong resolutions favoring a call for discional Workingmen's Convention, and of ulttenancing the language and conduct A Gel South North and South.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 31. - Despite the unfavorable condition of the streets, Penusylvania Avenue was crowded at an unusually early hour this merning, by persons of all sexes and ages, wending their way to the chief point of interest, the Senate Chamber of the United States, in expectation that President Buchanan would convey in a special message to that body his position and intentions relative to the all absorbing subject of excitement, the Charleston Forts and their Commander. The public pulse has reached fever heat-and all are desirous to know what is to be the result, believing that upon the determination of the Executive depends either the peace and welfare of the country or the horrors of civil war. This determination I am informed, is to be the result of Cabinet deliberation to-day, therefore will not reach Congress till Wednesday, as both houses stand adjourned till that time. Seen tor Benjamin's appeal for a quiet and peaceable dissolution of the Union has produced profound sensation. He was frequently interrupted by tremendous applaces in tha galleries. In the House a communication was read, addressed to Mr. Speaker Penningwife and two of his children were carried off | ton by the late Secretary of War, Mr. Floyd by the Indians from Jack county, and have | tending to exculpate himself and all others connected with the Department from noy complicity in, or knowledge of the recent frands upon the government in the Interior Department, in which he asserts that it has been his practice for the last two years to acept drafts drawn by Russell, Mejors and Waddel in order to enable them to carry out their heavy contracts with the United States for transporting supplies for the army on the border, but that the drafts left by them with Bailey, were obtained from him (Floyd) for a specific purpose-viz; to take up other drafts held by different parties, due but not paid, because of the absence of an appropriation by Congress, and that in giving any other direction to these lest drufts, the contractors have acted in bad faith towards him. Dr. Johnson save "In the English government no man is appointed to an office because he is the fittest for it, hardly in any other government, because there are so many connections and degendencies to be studied. It is hoped Mr. Buchanan in filling the vacancy in his Cabinet, will not be governed by Dr. Johnson's view, but will act under the Jeffersonian doctrine "is be qualified, is he honest." A motion to table a resolution offered by Mr. Prvor, of Va., to the effect that any attempt to coerce a sovereign State to remain in the Union is impracticable and destructive of republican liberty, was carried by a decided vote. During the consideration of this motion great excitement prevailed on the floor of the House. I am assured by a member of the present Maryland Legislature that the union sentiment prevails in bis district, with hardly a dissenting voice, brig was procured, and took all the slaves to still the people are generally anxious that the Governor should call the Legislature, in was sent to the wreck after the slaves had order that some positive plan may be adopted for the future action of the State. As suggested in my letter of Saturday, General Secti has been appointed acting Sec-

The Deeds of 1860.

We compile from our files, the following statement of the principal events which have occurred in the world during the past year, as recorded in the pages of the Gazette, noticing more particularly such events as section of the country:-

Jan. 1-One third of a town in Puget Sound in ashes. 10-Falling of Pemberion Mills, 182 lives

30-Murder of Dr. W. S. Cropton, by two Feb. 1-Pennington elected Speaker o the liouse by 177 votes. 16-Haziett and Stephens sentenced to be

16-Strike of the Shoemakers at Lynn. 22-The 7th Regiment visited Washingon. Inauguration of the Mills Statue at

Washington and the Washington Monument at Richmond. March to-Death of Hon.D. A. Bokee. Hazlett and Stevens executed for Treason.

18-Death of Gov. Bissell of Ill. 19-Arrival of the Japanese steamer. Candammarah at San Francisco, 24-Tragedy on the sloop Sprny. 27 -- The remains of Roger Williams ex-

humed. Arrival of the Japanese Embassadors at San Francisco. April 2-The St. Louis Carstang Breach of Promise case decided in favor of Mr.

3-Arrest of F. S. Sanborn at Concord, Mass., by United States Marshal. 4-Death of Jas. K. Paulding.

5-Scene in Congress between Pryor and -Japanese sailed from San Francisco. 12-Poney Express and Telegraphic news

days from Ocean to Ocean. 13-Pryor and Potter difficulty settled. The Lemon Stave case decided in New York. 17-Fight between Sayers and Heenan.

20-Town of Lewisburg, Ark., destroyed by fire. Railroad opened from Fernandina to Cedar Keys. 23-Democratic Convention assembled at

30-Southern Delegates secede at Charles-

to meet at Baltimore. 5-Garibaldi takes his departure from New York for Italy. 9-Japanese Embassy arrive off the Port of New York.

May 4-Charleston Convention adjourned

10-Bell & Everett nominated at Baltimore. Death of S. G. Goodrich, aged 97. 12-Arrival of the Japanese at Norfolk. 14-The Japanese arrive at Washington. R. C. McDonald, murderer of Virginia Stewart com

mits suicide. 16-The Republican Convention assembles at 18-Lincoln & Hamlin nominated. 28-Palermo captured by Garibaldi. 1.

Fowler escapes to Cuba.

Canada.

June 4-Sumuer's Speech on the Barbarism of Slavery. The Methodist General Conference adjourns. 4-Japanese take leave of the President. 8-King of Naples invokes the intervention of the great powers. 10-Douth of Quarter Master General Jessup. 12-Richmond Seceders' Convention met.

17-The Japanese arrive in New York City. 18-The Baltimore Democratic Convention reassembles 21-Death of Hon. John Schwartz.

22-China war commenced. Sochow burned. 23-Nomination of Douglas and Firzpatrick by one Convention and Breckinridge and Lane by the 28 -Arrival of the Great Eastern.

30-The Japanese sail for home in the steamer | Williams, Hiram T July 3-The Chicago Zouaves start on their touf the United States. July 4-The last Anniversary of American In-

dependence in the United States. 5-Rev. Jacob Harding executed for the murder of his wife. S-Great fires at Deuten, Texas, believed to be caused by Abolitionists. 11-The Prince of Wales left England for

20-The steamer Pennsylvania destr yed by GUITARS, &c., &c. fire in the James River. 21-Death of Joseph Gales, Editor of the National Intelligencer. 24-The Prince of Wales arrives in America,

Aug. 1-The Allies in the China War reach the Peibo. 9-The President visits the Great Eastern. 13-Lady Franklin arrives in the United States. very often. [jan 1] JOHN H. PARROTT.

14-Arrival of the Zouaves at New York.

16-Departure of the Great Enstern for Europe. 21-Nulker evacuates Truxillo. 25-The Prince of Wales lays the cap-stone of

the Victoria Bridge at Montreal.. 29-Great fire at Smyrna, 7,000 houses burned. Sept. 6-Garibaldi at Salerno,-the King of Naples leaves his Capital for Gaeta. 7-Loss of the steamer Lady Elgin on Lake Michigan, 409 lives lost. 12-Great Douglas Barbcoue at Jones Woods,

14-Gen. William Walker shot at Truxillo. Great gale in the Gulf of Mexico, loss \$500,000. The Prince of Wales at Ningara. 20-The Prince of Wales enters the United States at Chicago.

29-Lowe's trans-Atlantic Balloon burnt Philadelphia. Annexation of Sicily declared. Fall of Ancons. Oct. 1-Battle of Voltarino in Italy. 3-The Prince of Wales visits the President a Zeshington.

George III, uncovers his head to the dust of the lebel. Washington 6-The Prince at Richmond. Buchanan writes 11-The Prince sojourns awhile in New York eity, amid an immense display.

15-Death of Commodore Skinner at Rish-

5-The Prince of Wales, heir of the Tyrant,

16-Report of starvation in Kansas. 18-Proclamation of the Governor of South brolina, calling the legislature to take action for "the safety and protection of the State." 19-Onaning of Druid Hill Park at Baltimers. 20-The Prince of Wules, after a sojourn of 85

lays in the United States, embarks for Europe at 31-Failures of Banking Houses at Baltimore. Nov. 6-Lincoln & Hamlin elected. 8-Garibaidi and Victor Emmanuel onter Na-

16-Prince of Wales arrived in England in 22-Banks in Washington, Philadelphia and

Baltimore, suspend specie payments. 27-Town of Dundee, New York, destroyed by Dec. 3-The Putnam Phalanx arrive at New York. Opening of the 37th Congress. Dec. 4-The President's Message delivered to

Congress. 5-Suspension of payments at the U. S. Treasury. Homestead Bill passed the House of Reprasentatives. The Electoral vote east for Lincoln

6-House Committee of Thirty-three appointed. 19-Verdict in favor of Mrs. Berch. Resignation of Secretary Cobb.

12-Hon. P. F. Thomas appointed Secretary the Treasury. 13-Total population of the United States mated at 31,666,699,666. 14-Resignation of Gen. Cass. Secret-

15-The President appoints a Day of sting and Prayer in view of impending dange state of 17-The Sovereign Convention of

South Carolina assembled. 26-Dissolution of the American mences. South Carolina sceedes, eter almost 21-itumors of an exciting cir. Jeremiah constantly before the people.

Black appointed Secretary of Semany places 21—Secession salutes fired, and many places responded to by hoisting the Ars and stripes. Adams, New York, half bard. Hon. E. M. Stanton appointed Attorney Goral.

22—Naw York Tribune aforitatively amounces Mr. Lincoln against correspond to the amount of \$870,000 discovered in il Interior Department. 26-News of a treaty stween the Allies and the Chinese received in he United States. The ommissioners from south Carolina arrive in Washington. Fort Jultrie evacuated by United States troops, who he position at Fort Sumpter 27-Fort Moultriand Castle Pinckney occuoled by South Carana troops. Leize St. Louis Arsena subtic. Hon. J.J. Floyd, Secretary of War, re-

30-A gloomy Sunday for the Union. The South Carolina convention in session. Demand that he United States troops he sent back to Fort Modtrie under consideration .1-The Committee of Thirteen unable to agree. assolution certain and civil war imminent. Brea-

fers shead, and the Ship of State drifting on them. were of especial interest to the people of this! I IST OF LETTERS remaining in the Po-■ Office, at Alexandria, Va., on the 31st day of December, 1860. Persons calling for Letters in this list, will please say they are advertised.

Ashton, Bettie J Miss Allen, W H Anderson, R A Mrs. Ash, James W Arnold, TJ Mrs. Armstrong, Samuel Arrents, Wm E-2

Bogert, Casper Capt-2 Bristor, W H B Boyle, John Broden, James Bacon, W H Bradsbaw, Miss Bispham, W N Mrs Brown, A M Bartleman, Margaret Mrs Chambers, C Rev Clark, L D

Cogem, Ellen Carter Eli-2 Carroll, John Carson, George Carter, John II Clarke, Isaac Caulman, M Clarko, Thomas W Clark, Powhatan Dr Cole & Son, W P Messrs Covil, Wm B Celans, Wm C Chambers, Wm H

Dulancy, Richard Donelly, John T Derby, Thomas Evans, Mary Miss Edmonston, Gabriel Ennis, Martha Mrs

Friend, G E Gillespie, Wm J-2 Grant, Capt Greenwood, Julia C Mrs Green, J J Grayson, Lemuel Gilman, John Hamwick, B S

Hinton & Dunn. Mess Hamilton, C B Horner, Gustavus A Horner, JF Heymes, John R Harley, James Hamel, Patrick Holden, Oliver B Hull, Thomas G Capt Johnson, Wm Key Jones, Kity Ann

Johnson, Jane (col'd) Kite, J W Lee, C Mrs McNutty, James

McCarty, James McDonald, James Mrs Mayall, Robert May, J Mrs Macewin, James Miller, G

Newton, W.J. Nauman, Charles O'Sullivan, Jane E Mis Ohern, Mrs Pane, Maria Mrs Phillips. Henry

Penn, Thomas

Tingle, Isaac W-6

Trissler, Peter

Rutter, E M-2 Richards, Henry Rollins, Julia Miss Robbins, James Capt Soloman, Charles Shaven, Zena Miss Shay, Mrs Shipley, E J Mrs Suit, John B Stonnell, Frank

Preston, Walter

Thorn, Wm T

Suroot, Julia A Mrs Skinner, James Simon, M Christian Spirks, Rebecca Miss Smith, Richard J Straus, S Suddath, Thomas J Stewart, Susan Mrs Southworth, Emma D E N Mrs

Tiffey, Wm N Tariton, H C Thomas, E B Taylor, John S Tuler, Albert Thompson, Christiana Mrs Vendig, T

Ware, A D Wohster, W G Wagner, D Watson, A Watts, W H T. W. ASHBY, P. M. jan 1--1t

GREAT BARGAINS FOR CASH .- The 1st of January, 1861, finds me at the old stand, (186 King street.) with more BOOKS, STATION. ARY and VARIETY GOODS, than I have any use for and it would require too much time and take up too much room to give the names. Besides which, I have one of the best and largest stocks of MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS and MUSICAL MERCHANDISE ever offered for sale in Alexandria, including PIANOS, MELODEONS,

And in addition to the above, I have near ten thousand pieces of sheet Music and something less than a hundred different kinds of Musical Works, vocal and instrumental.

In conclusion, I will just say, I am prepared to the final structure of the short say that the say is the say in the In conclusion, I will just say, I am prepared to Raitro as leading from Allandria, r. \$13.50 offer great inducements for each or to punctual and 20. Enclose me a fent stam and get dealers, as I am determined to seil without any so sples of sewing and furth information.

FUREIGN MISCELLANY.

The King of Dahomey had threatened to attack Abbeokuts. He was continuing his wholesale sacrifice of human life. The number siready murdered at this one ceremony amounted to 1,700, and many more awaited a similar fate, the King considering that sufficient honor was not done to the memory of his late father until he had detained the the European traders at Abomey to witness 2021 22 22 24 25 26

this fearful custom. It may be of interest to the scientific reader to learn that the astronomers of the French Academy are busy discussing the nature a cloud detached from the sun's disc dur the late eclipses, and which, having beg | Mh. visible to the eye of observers, has only revealed by its impression on the pling phic pictures of the celestial luminar the occurrence of the eclipso.

Eugenie, the Empress of the Pisit to returned to France from her the Em-England and Scotland. She both were peror on the road to Paris, verywhere. received with "great applaween the roy-There seems to be harmony Empress acal couple-but the trip off" was curious ross the channel "by h

as aunounce that The latest London ge from Australia the vessels on their sailing advices had to England, of wh board \$3,200,000 in been received, hala steamer had arrived gold. The Westgold, and \$935,000 in with \$550,000

A Shields, of December 12 says, that A Shields, the enormous number of the day preer wind-bound in the Tyne 1,400 versiv 300 sailed on the morning of alone. Neoliiers for London, though no 12th, mwing more than 14 feet 3 inches vessels to get out. were r

VIRGINIA NEWS.

post office is established at Burr Hill, cage county, Va., and H. A. M. Bartly pointed postmuster; to be supplied from erdeersville. Farmwell, Loudoun county 11-The Committee of Thirty-three organized fa., Noah Downs postmuster; directly on railroad line from Alexandria to Leesburg. The name of the office at Millville, Fauquier county, Ya., is changed to Bowenville. Mrs. Ann Simpson, postmaster at Burke's Station, Fairfax county, Va., vice James Cowling, resigned. Enoch E. Kalb, postmaster at Morrisonville, Londonn county, Va., vice John W. Nixon, resigned

Information has been received very recently from M. Bellot des Minieres, who contractd to purchase the James River canal on bebalf of a number of French capitalists, that they are ready to comply with the terms of their agreement the minute it is announced that the General Assembly has ratified the

Rufus Hendrick was arrested at Clarkesville, Vo., a few days ago, for uttering insurrectionary language. His head was partially shaved, his face blacked, and he was then carried around town a little. He was shipped for Ohio.

Letter from Major Anderson. We have been furnished by a gentleman of Baltimore (says the Baltimore Exchange) with the following letter from the commander of the United States forces at Charleston. As any thing from that quarter is of

interest, we lay it before our readers: FORT MOUNTRIE, (S. C.) Dec. 25, 1860. DEAR SIM -I thank you for the trouble you were kind enough to take in correcting some of the rumors about me. You are right in the opinion that I could not, and would not, say any thing contradictory of them. My plan always has been to try to do my laty honestly and fully, and to trust that in the good sense of justice of the people they would give me credit for good intentions, even if my judgment should turn out not to

have been good. I must confess that I regret that the papers are making so much of my position iere. I do not deserve the least credit for what I am doing; nothing more than any one else would do in my position; and perhaps not done half so well as many others would do. I receive, nearly by every mail, letters of

sympathy, and many of them from stran-I hope that it will not be long before something will occur to give me a chance being relieved from my present position. Thanking you for your kind remembrance

of me, lam, truly yours. ROBERT ANDERSON. To- -, Esq., Baltimore.

gun carriages, and the spiking of the guns, hers. The intelligence acted like an electric shock fice on King street, over the Office of the on our city, and thrilled through the come F Insurance Company. on our city, and thrilled through the com and their fate must be the same. If the fe- bekholders. eral government expects to have no Stre Office at the Depot, northeast corner of Fairfax but Carolina to coerce into submission it id Princess streets. vannah Rept . 28th.

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Wonder, Thos. B. Jason, E. F. Witmer, Samuel

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March Term .- In H. Fowle, P. J.; Wm. N. Brown, R. G. Vickt, J. R. Johnson, C. L. Neale. April Term .- Ju H. Fowle, P. J.: E. F. Witmer. R. Brockett V. V. Nalis, Thes. Smith. May Term .- VI. Fowle, P. J.; R. Brockett, E. Burchell, W. F. Price, John W. Sommers. June Term. W. H. Fowle, P. J.; C. P. Shaw. J. W. Nalls, S. emh, James A. English. July Term. V.H. Fowle, P. J.; Jas. A. English, R. G. Victt, J. R. Johnson, J. J. Wheat. August Ter-W. H. Fowle, P. J.; Thomas

Smith, Turnedizon, W. B. Price, W. N. Brown. Septembergern .- W. H. Fowle, P. J.: C. L. Neale, R. Hekett, W. A. Harper, E. Burchell. October Im .- W. H. Powle, P. J.; Wm. P. Price, C. Phaw, T. B. Dawson, Samuel Beach. Noocmbelerm .- W. H. Fowle, P. J.; Charles . Neale, 18. A. English, H. S. Wonder, J. J. Wheat.

Decemb Term .- W. H. Fowle, P. J.; J. W. Nalls, W. Brown, R. G. Violett, Thos. Smith. *At thouse Term, all the Justices appear, for the purpe of making the County levy.

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13th. The manner of bringing troops into ac-14th. Courts Martial. 15th. Appendix, containing the Articles of

Extract from a letter of W. H. Richardson. Adjutant General of Virginia:-Major Gilham is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, has served some time in the Army, and is well known as one of the most accomplished tacticians in the United States. I have carefully examined his work on Military Tactics, and report; that so far as my best judgment is reliable it is the best work now known to me, or that I ever

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